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## Cal Poly Hosts Fifth Annual International Satellite Display, Design Workshop April 9, 10

What: Fifth annual picosatellite display and design workshop, the largest CubeSat workshop to date, expected to draw over 200 participants.

When: April 9 – 11, 2008

Where: Cal Poly Campus

Advanced Technology Center, Building 7

Bonderson Projects Center, Building 197

Who: Cal Poly Aerospace Engineering CubeSat Program and guests, including representatives from 38 universities worldwide, 35 companies, and eight countries Participating universities come from Belgium, Columbia, England, Germany, Italy, Spain, Taiwan and Turkey.

Visiting organizations include Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Raytheon, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, NASA, National Science Foundation, SRI International, among others.

The event brings together CubeSat developers from education and industry to share knowledge and experience in developing small satellites, known as "picosatellites," which are extremely cost effective.

From cutting edge designs to lessons learned, the workshops provide valuable insight for both new and current members of the international CubeSat community. The event is free and open to members of the media.

**Background:** Started in 1999, the CubeSat Project began as a collaborative effort between California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo and Stanford University's Space Systems Development Laboratory to provide standards for the design of picosatellites. As a result, picosatellites that are built by students at universities world-wide are launched using a common deployer known as a "P-POD," developed at Cal Poly.

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